

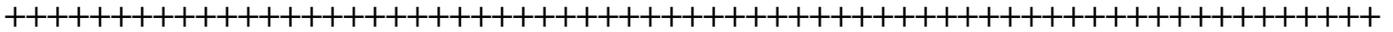
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Grace Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



The GOOD BOOK

We're diving into **The Good Book** by Deron Spoo! **A User-Friendly Guide to the Bible**

The Bible gives us joy and hope that we cannot find elsewhere. If you long to start a conversation with God, to know God better, and to experience God more deeply, The Good Book can help. By reflecting on 40 bible themes, you will begin to understand the heart of God. You will see God in the great sweep of salvation history, breathing life into Adam, calling Abraham to a land of promise, and fulfilling his word through a young virgin who would bear a child. You will discover what hurts God and what moves God's heart. You will understand God's love for you and others. While reading about the Bible's biggest ideas, which are God's ideas, you will learn how to live close to him – in a life that brings you joy, peace, and a powerful sense of purpose.

While designed to be a 40-day journey through key ideas of Scripture, this easy-to-use guide will be extended over the course of 40 weeks for study as a church.

The Good Book Study Opportunities! (See printed schedule on pages 2-3 of this newsletter)

- **Copies of the book are available for purchase at each church's information center for \$12** (envelopes provided for payment)
- The books are good for both small group study and home devotions.
- Show up on Mondays or sign up for Wednesdays - and invite a friend to either.
- Participants in the studies are encouraged to read the reading prior to gathering.

Option #1 -- Mondays, 11:00 AM, beginning September 25th

- Alternating between Darlington and Mineral Point
- A chapter from the book & the Bible will be covered each week. Come when/where you can! --
- **Darlington:** usually 1st/3rd Mondays of the month, Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall
- **Mineral Point:** usually 2nd/4th Mondays of the month, Suzy's Pointer Cafe (side room)
- **Lunch** is optional. For Darlington, those interested could go someplace after the study or you can bring a lunch or snack.
- **Need a ride or want to carpool? Connect with a friend or Pr. Kate for assistance.**

Option #2 – NEW! One Wednesday evening per month over 8 months, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

- Pastor's home (1319 Clay St., across from Grace Lutheran Church)
- Session 1: October 18th (See printed schedule for other proposed dates.)
- Using an 8-session small-group curriculum of **The Good Book** that includes a DVD covering a major theme/5 chapters per session.
- Simple supper included

The Good Book -- Weekly Study

(MP = in Mineral Point @ Pointer Café; D= in Darlington, Grace Fellowship Hall; X=on your own)

Theme	Week	Book Reading	Bible
In the Beginning			
MP	Sept. 24	Ch. 1 -- <i>You're More Like God Than You Think</i>	Genesis 1
D	Oct. 1	Ch. 2 – <i>When Everything Broke – Including You</i>	Genesis 3
MP	Oct. 8	Ch. 3 – <i>Staying Afloat in Troubled Times</i>	Genesis 6
D	Oct. 15	Ch. 4 – <i>Faith Isn't Safe</i>	Genesis 12
MP	Oct. 22	Ch. 5 – <i>When God Asks Too Much</i>	Genesis 22
God is Good When Life Gets Messy			
X	Oct. 29	Ch. 6 – <i>On a First-Name Basis with God</i>	Exodus 3
D	Nov. 5	Ch. 7 – <i>When Life Seems Out to Get You</i>	Exodus 14
MP	Nov. 12	Ch. 8 – <i>Ten Keys You Can't Live Without</i>	Exodus 20
D	Nov. 19	Ch. 9 – <i>God Can Use Even Your Failures</i>	Judges 16
MP	Nov. 26	Ch. 10 – <i>Why Hard Times Help</i>	1 Samuel 17
God is Big			
D	Dec. 3	Ch. 11 – <i>Making Sense of Your Suffering</i>	Job 1
X	Bonus	Ch. 12 – <i>Forget the Funeral – This is Life!</i>	Psalm 23
MP	Dec. 10	Ch. 13 – <i>Guilty but at Peace</i>	Psalm 51
D	Dec. 17	Ch. 14 – <i>God is Closer Than You Think</i>	Psalm 139
Jesus Has Just Entered the Building (<i>out of sequence...</i>)			
Christmas X	Dec. 24	Ch. 21 – <i>Jesus – God with Skin On</i>	John 1
New Year's X	Dec. 31	Ch. 22 – <i>Welcome to Our World</i>	Luke 2
...God is Big D	Jan. 7	Ch. 15 – <i>Words of Wisdom</i>	Proverbs 1
Tough Love, Troubled Times			
MP	Jan. 14	Ch. 16 – <i>The Real Face of Jesus</i>	Isaiah 53
D	Jan. 21	Ch. 17 – <i>Inferiority and Obedience</i>	Jeremiah 1
MP	Jan. 28	Ch. 18 – <i>Whose Side Is God On?</i>	Daniel 3
D	Feb. 4	Ch. 19 – <i>Integrity Under Fire</i>	Daniel 6
M	Feb. 11	Ch. 20 – <i>Man on the Run</i>	Jonah 1
Jesus Has Just Entered the Building (<i>out of sequence...continued...</i>)			
D	Feb. 18	Ch. 23 – <i>What Does Jesus Want?</i>	Matthew 5
MP	Feb. 25	Ch. 24 – <i>Why Worry Never Works</i>	Matthew 6
D	Mar 3	Ch. 25 – <i>Life over the Long Haul</i>	Matthew 7
Jesus Won't Leave Us as We Are			
MP	Mar 10	Ch. 26 – <i>Is Jesus Strong Enough?</i>	Luke 8
D	Mar 17	Ch. 27 – <i>The Original Come-to-Jesus Meeting</i>	John 3

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Theme	Week	Book Reading	Bible
Palm/Passion Sunday X	Bonus	Ch. 28 – <i>God is Looking for What He Loves</i>	Luke 15
Holy Week X	Mar 24	Ch. 29 – <i>Every Scar Tells a Story</i>	Mark 15
Easter X	Mar 31	Ch. 30 – <i>Beating Death</i>	Matthew 28
Easter 2 D	April 7	Discussion of Chapters 29 & 30	Mk 15, Matt 28
Following Jesus			
Easter 3 MP	April 14	Ch. 31 – <i>Where is Jesus Now?</i>	Acts 1
Easter 4 D	April 21	Ch. 32 – <i>Happy Birthday to Us</i>	Acts 2
Easter 5 MP	April 28	Ch. 33 – <i>When Jesus Interrupts Your Life</i>	Acts 9
Easter 6 D	May 5	Ch. 34 – <i>God Loves the People You Can't Stand</i>	Acts 10
Easter 7 MP	May 12	Ch. 35 – <i>What Heaven Holds in Store</i>	Revelation 22
God's Message for You			
Pentecost D	May 19	Ch. 36 – <i>Is God Ever Mean?</i>	Romans 8
Memorial Weekend X	May 26	BREAK	
D	June 2	Ch. 37 – <i>More Than a Feeling</i>	1 Corinthians 13
MP	June 16	Ch. 38 – <i>Can God Change Your Character?</i>	Galatians 5
D	June 23	Ch. 39 – <i>Straight Talk</i>	James 1
MP	June 30	Ch. 40 – <i>Becoming Your True Self; Epilogue</i>	1 John 3

The Good Book -- Monthly Study

Pastor Kate's Home (1319 Clay St.)

6:00 – 8:00 PM, One Wednesday/month

Month	Date	Session/Theme	Chapters
October	10/18	Session 1: In the Beginning	Fwd, Intro, 1-5
November	11/15	Session 2: God is Good When Life Gets Messy	Ch. 6-10
December	12/13	Session 3: God is Big	Ch. 11-15
January	1/17	Session 4: Tough Love, Troubled Times	Ch. 16-20
February	2/21	Session 5: Jesus Has Just Entered the Building	Ch. 21-25
March	3/13	Session 6: Jesus Won't Leave Us as We Are	Ch. 26-30
April	4/24	Session 7: Following Jesus	Ch. 31-35
May	5/15	Session 8: God's Message for You	Ch. 36-40, Epil
June			

WORSHIP

Regular services: July thru December are: 8:30 AM at Grace and 10:30 AM at Hope

Noisy Offering:

The focus for the “Noisy Offering” collection from August –October will be split between the American Red Cross for Lafayette County and Darlington’s “Helping Hands” fund.

Pastor Away – October 19-22.

In case of emergency, please contact the Council President or Vice President for the pastor-on-call.

All Saints Sunday – November 6

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. On November 5 we will give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest”. We will be naming aloud those who have died in the past year, both from our congregation as well as any special loved ones who have passed away in the past year or two whose names you may choose to share. Please submit names to Pastor Kate **by November 1**. Extra candles will also be available for individuals to light in remembrance of others, either those not named aloud and/or who died longer than a year ago.



LWR CARE KITS AND BACKPACKS

A big thank you to everyone who donated toward the baby care kits, personal care kits, and the school back packs. Our numbers were outstanding: **38 school kits, 26 personal kits, and 7 baby care kits.** Thank you all the amazing helpers that put them together after church on September 10 and boxed everything up for shipping to LWR.



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

A big thank you to:

- Pat Roelli, Jalaine Ruegsegger, and Sheila Carrington for all their help decorating the church inside and outside for all. It looks wonderful!!
- those who covered worship the weekend Pastor Kate and Dave were gone to attend their daughter's wedding
- those who provided refreshments for fellowship following Sunday worship: Renae Johnson, Pat Roelli, Tiffany Meyers, Sheila Andrews, Alana Black, Marilyn Johns, Wendy Johns, and Maryanne Roelli



IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember in our prayers:



Congregation: Gladys Christensen, Jean Belanger, Duane Nelson, Les Torstenson, David Chambers, and Gloria Blaser

Friends, Family, & Neighbors: Suzi Osterday, Penny Holum (Gloria Blaser's daughter), Clara Ruegsegger (Bob's mother), Joan Miller (Jan Riechers' sister), Sue Korinek (Dave's sister), Ray Meier and Linda Judkins

Deaths:



Celebration!



Birthdays

Duane Nelson (10/2)
Ryker Opland (10/10)

Joe Riechers (10/7)
Kitty Wilson (10/25)

Harold Elzen (10/9)
Paul Roelli (10/27)

Anniversaries

Barb & Bill Schilling (10/7)
Steve & Kris Fleming (10/14)

Alana & Brandon Black (10/8)
Judy & Joe Boll (10/17)
Dick & Karla Anderson (10/28)

Please let the office know if we have missed your birthday or anniversary in the listing so we can add your special day to our records.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for OCTOBER

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Altar Care	Marilyn	Pat Mary	Linda Diane	Jalaine Sheila	Marilyn
Reader	Makenna	Paul	Kris	Linda	Blaze
Greeters *	Mary Makenna	Sheila A. Sheila C	Judy B. Jalaine	Alana Black family	Tim White family
Ushers **	Don L. Mark R.	Don L Paul R.	Don L. Steve F.	Don L. Gary B.	Don L. Blaze
Acolytes	Makenna	Mercedes	Se reneyd	Marta	Brax
Communion	Marilyn	Mary R.	Linda C.	Jalaine	Marilyn
Bread	-----	Laura	-----	Marilyn	
Counters	October 10-14 _____ October 25-30 _____				

**Please arrive 20 minutes early.*

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If you are unable to fulfill your role on a given weekend, please contact another person/family on the Worship Leader Schedule and swap or have someone cover for you.

See the bulletin board in the narthex for a more extensive schedule.

Please indicate changes ahead of time on that master schedule, **or** if need be, contact the office with changes. (Office: 608.776.4462; darlinglutherans@gmail.com).

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Fellowship - Refreshments and conversation following worship. Directions are posted inside the cabinet in the upstairs fellowship area. If you have questions, please call Vicki Johnston (776-4572) or Pat Roelli (482-0572).



October

- 1 - Diane Bredeson/Carol Barnard
- 8 - Tina Riechers/Jan Riechers
- 15- Kris Fleming/Kate Chambers
- 22- Judy Boll/Linda Considine
- 29- Judy Elzen/Missy Zasada

November

- 5 - Vicki Johnston/Pat Roelli
- 12- Barb Schilling/Jody White
- 19 - Bridget Schilling/Laura Barnard
- 26 - Patty Vamstad/Sharan Ohnstad

Grace Lutheran Church Council



President: Jody White
Vice President Chuck Barnard
Secretary: Kris Fleming

Financial Secretary: Laura Barnard
Treasurer: Tina Riechers
Don Barnard
Mary Ann Roelli

Things your Council is working on now:

- Children's Ministry/Leadership --Supported by Karla Anderson - We have a new approach to Sunday School and new leaders, Tiffany Meyers and Alana Black.
- Reviewing the Congregational Vitality Survey the congregation completed in June with guidance from the Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM) for our Synod, Walter Baires The meeting has been rescheduled to October 23.
- We are working on having a plaque made to accompany the American flag in the narthex, along with a way to honor our veterans.

CARE COMMITTEE

The Care Committee is working on ideas for what to deliver to our homebound people for Halloween. Trying to come up with other ideas besides candy. Delivery would be to approximately 70 people. If anyone has any creative thoughts on that, please share with the Care Committee. Always looking for new ideas and people to help! --- Thanks!! Jalaine



BLESSING OF BACK PACKS

Sunday, September 10



Faith Formation



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday School will begin on October 1. Children start out in worship with their families, then are released to participate in faith formation activities following the Children's Message. They rejoin the congregation at a later point and participate with us in the Sharing of Peace and receiving the Lord's Supper.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (MS/HS) YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Middle School Youth Ministry (*typically 5th-8th grades*)

High School Youth Ministry (*9th-12th grades*)

MS/HS Youth Ministry (*5th-12th grades, inclusive*)

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will be held on two Wednesdays per month from 5:30-7:00 PM in Grace Fellowship Hall. Fall dates are: September 25; October 11 & 25; November 8 & 29; and December 13. Classes are for middle school/Confirmation students. High school students also are welcome! These classes include snack, bible study, and faith discussions. See Pastor Kate to participate in this year's program: 608/732-9688 or email Pastor.GraceLutheranDar@gmail.com.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2024: NEW ORLEANS

The Youth Gathering for 2024 will be held in New Orleans July 16-20, 2024, (with travel time to be added). This event is for youth entering 8th grade through newly graduated high school (2024). **Early bird registration is now open for the Gathering.**

COMMUNITY

Lafayette County Food Pantry



The Lafayette County Food Pantry is currently in **strong need of donations.** They have had a **large increase of families in need!** All types of **groceries and household supplies** are needed. Particular needs are **Hamburger Helper, personal care products** (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc.), **baby wipes, diapers** (sizes 2, 3, & 5). **Toilet paper and paper towels** are always needed.

Non-perishable donations can be dropped off at Grace in the shopping cart located near the fellowship area. Frozen products can be dropped off at the Food Pantry on Tuesdays or Thursdays (10:00-3:00). Tell them you represent Grace Lutheran Church, and your donation will be added to our ongoing count of pounds for 2023! **September total was 84#. The total for 2023 is 474#**

October 2023



Pastor's Schedule (608/732-9688)
 Pastor.GraceDar@gmail.com
 Mondays - Thursdays
 Fridays: Pastor's Day Off

Church Office Hours
 Tana Risseeuw, Adm. Assistant (608/558-0697)
 DarlingLutherans@gmail.com
 Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-Noon



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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8:30 AM Worship/SS @ Grace 10:30 AM Worship/SS @ Hope	11:00 AM The Good Book Study @ Grace 7:00 PM Council Exec. Committee	10:00 AM Mary & Martha Team	Pastor's Prayer Retreat			
8:30 AM Worship/SS @ Grace 10:30 AM Worship/SS @ Hope	11:00 AM The Good Book Study @ Pointer Café MP 7:00 PM Grace Council	10	11 5:30-7:00 PM Confirmation	12 10:30 AM Worship at MP Care Center	13	14 5:00-7:00 PM Hope Fish Boil Fundraiser
8:30 AM Worship/SS @ Grace 10:30 AM Worship/SS @ Hope Sun-Mon Evening Fall Summit (Synod Event for Rostered Ldrs)	11:00 AM The Good Book Study @ Grace	17 6:30 PM Hope Council	18 6:00-8:00 PM The Good Book Session I @ Pastor's Home	19 -----	20 -----	21 -----
8:30 AM Worship/SS @ Grace 10:30 AM Worship/SS @ Hope --Pastor Off --	11:00 AM The Good Book Study @ MP Pointer Café 6:30-8:30 PM Grace Council Mtg w/ Rev. Baires	24 10:30 AM Worship at Laf. Manor	25 Newsletter Articles Due 5:30-7:00 PM Confirmation	26	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday 8:30 AM Worship/SS @ Grace 10:30 AM Worship/SS @ Hope	30 11:00 AM The Good Book Study @ Grace	31		LOOKING AHEAD Nov. 5 - Daylight Savings Time ENDS Fall Back Nov. 5 - All Saints Sunday		



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Return Service Requested



Mission Statement

We are Grace people. Jesus Christ sends us out to:

- ✚ Feed the hungry
- ✚ Welcome every child
- ✚ Seek out the stranger
- ✚ Give thanks to God in all things
- ✚ Follow the way of the cross

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Newsletter Deadline
 Items need to be submitted for the
 November Newsletter by October 25

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